

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	Application No. 10/632,267	Applicant(s) OKAMURA	
	Examiner Andrew W. Johns	Art Unit 2624	

**All Participants:**

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**Status of Application:** RCE entered, awaiting action

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**Date of Interview:** 26 November 2007

**Time:** 11:30am

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*None*

Claims discussed:

*19*

Prior art documents discussed:

*None*

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

ANDREW W. JOHNS  
PRIMARY EXAMINER



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner acknowledged the amendment filed with the RCE on 31 October 2007, and noted that while claim 13 clearly included the features identified in the Notice of Allowability mailed 09 August 2007 as distinguishing claim 1 over the prior art, claim 19 did not appear to include the similar features from claim 7. Examiner proposed an amendment to claim 19 to add the features corresponding to the language of claim 7 identified as distinguishing over the prior art in the Notice of Allowability of 09 August 2007 (see attached proposal). Applicant reviewed proposal and agreed to the proposed changes. Examiner will enter changes by examiner's amendment and prepare the application for allowance..

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**Date:** 13 Nov 2007

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☒ **Urgent**    ☒ **For Review**    ☐ **For Comment**    ☒ **For Reply**    ☐ **Per Your Request**

**Comments:**

See attached proposal from the examiner in this application

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Mr. Narang:

I have reviewed the amendment filed 31 October 2007 (with the RCE) in the above referenced application. While claim 13 clearly includes the features identified in the Notice of Allowability mailed 09 August 2007 as distinguishing claim 1 over the prior art, it does not appear that claim 19 similarly includes the features identified in previously allowed claim 7. Rather than making a prior art rejection, I would propose amending claim 19 to more clearly include the features previously added to claim 7, so as to expedite the allowance of this application. To that end, I would suggest amending claim 19 to read:

--19. (currently amended) An image processing method for a negotiable instrument, comprising the steps of:

(a) scanning substantially an entire area of one side of the negotiable instrument to capture an image thereof and an image of a partial area of the one side of the negotiable instrument;

(b) ~~(h)~~ evaluating the captured image of the partial area;

(c) selecting a binarization method from at least first and second independent binarization methods, each of which involves a separate analysis of selected gray scale data, based on the evaluation of step (b); and

(d) converting the image of substantially the entire area of the one side of the negotiable instrument to binary image data by applying the binarization method selected in step (c).--

Please review this proposal, and contact the examiner at (571) 272-7391 to discuss this matter. With your authorization, these changes would be implemented by Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance.

/Andrew W. Johns/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624